

Seattle Department of Transportation
Director's Report – March 13, 2012

MEDIA

SDOT Action Agenda Release

Nickerson Re-channelization: All television outlets and *The Stranger* covered the release of the *Nickerson Street Re-channelization Before and After Report*. Information from the report was presented to the press at an event featuring Mayor McGinn and SDOT Director Hahn. SDOT's data, collected one year after the completion of the "road diet", shows that collisions are down 23 percent and that motorists traveling over the speed limit have declined by more than 60 percent. In spite of concerns about traffic diversion, the volume of traffic on the roadway remains essentially unchanged. (Communications – Director's Office)

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Terry Avenue North Street Improvements: Bids were opened for the Terry Avenue North Street Improvement Project on February 15th. This project will add concrete pavers to sections of Terry Avenue North between Mercer Street and Thomas Street to help create a type of streetscape where pedestrian use takes priority. While on a limited budget, the project aligns with the *Terry Avenue North Street Design Guidelines* published by SDOT in March 2005. (Capital Projects and Roadway Structures Division)

Elliott Bay Seawall Project Update: The seawall team reached another milestone this week with the release of a "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) for consultant services to support SDOT in the final design of the central seawall.

The new consultant team will provide overall project management and final design services, including close coordination with Waterfront Seattle and other waterfront projects. (Major Projects Division)

Areaways Hazard Mitigation – Post Avenue: The street wall in this Post Avenue Areaway received a critical structural rating (less than 30 on a scale of 100) in a 2003 Pioneer Square Areaways Hazard Mitigation Study. SDOT was fortunate enough to recently secure a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant to fund this project. The construction will reinforce the street wall by filling the areaway with lightweight concrete and will replace the sidewalk above the areaway. (Capital Projects and Roadway Structures)

Third Meeting of the AWVSRP Advisory Committee on Tolling & Traffic Management (ACTT):

The meeting began with a legislative update from Dave Dye, WSDOT Deputy Secretary, on findings from the AWW Expert Review Panel and recent revisions to expected toll revenue which would be available to fund the SR99 tunnel. WSDOT initially estimated we would be able to raise \$400 million in toll revenues to fund tunnel construction, but now believes tolls could contribute closer to \$200 million. **Both the Senate and House proposed transportation supplemental budgets include**

approximately \$200 million in unobligated federal funds, to replace the previously anticipated toll revenue. The budgets still need to be approved by the Legislature; if approved the AWW program would remain fully funded. The reduced estimate of toll revenue from \$400 to \$200 million is in large part due to updated value of time estimates, revised socioeconomic forecasts, and more conservative assumptions about the ability to escalate toll rates. Despite the reduced revenue expected from tolling the SR99 tunnel, the amount of traffic anticipated to divert from the tunnel onto city streets and I-5 to avoid tolls remains similar to previous estimates. Thus, the ACTT's charge to explore strategies to minimize and mitigate diversion remains relevant.

The next meeting of the ACTT is scheduled for April 4th and will focus on a toolkit of strategies for minimizing and mitigating diversion. Details and materials for upcoming and past meetings are available [online](#). General information about the ACTT is also available on WSDOT's [AWV website](#). (Major Projects Division)

Weekly Traffic Camera Usage Update:

Week of: 02/19/2012 to 02/25/2012

Total Camera Images Viewed ("hits"): 2,405,485

Total Visitors Who Viewed Cameras: 153,974

Top 10 most popular cameras this week:

1. West Seattle Bridge mid-span
2. 11th Ave SW & SW Spokane Pl
3. W Admiral Way & Chelan Ave
4. SR-99 & S Lander St
5. E Marginal Way S & S Hanford St
6. 1st Ave S & E Marginal Way S
7. West Seattle Bridge @ Delridge Way
8. NW Market St & 15th Ave NW
9. Montlake Blvd & NE Pacific St
10. Aurora Ave & Aloha St

SDOT Public Website Stats:

Week of: 02/19/2012 to 02/25/2012

Total website page visits ("hits") for week: 111,457

Total YTD (2012) website page visits ("hits"): 1,316,798

Most web pages this week:

- SDOT Home Page
- Free Parking Days
- Parking in Seattle

- Bicycle Maps
- Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) Program

	Street Use Permits	Jan.	Feb.
8	Response time for review of street improvement plans (Type 45) (target = 70% within 6 weeks)	93%	88%
9	Average wait time for walk-in customers at the street use counter (over-the-counter permits) (target = 15 minutes or less) minutes	5.9	7.7

(Street Use and Urban Forestry Division)